



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM ROGER MARCUM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR

I bring greetings from the Kentucky Board of Education as its newly elected chair. It is truly an honor to be selected as chair by my fellow board members and to have the opportunity to work with Commissioner Holliday, the Kentucky Department of Education, superintendents, administrators, teachers, the Governor and First Lady, legislators, education partners and the public to improve Kentucky's education system and move students toward college- and career-readiness. We must closely collaborate on funding and instructional issues in order to increase our chances of success during the upcoming legislative session, and I hope you will communicate with me to ensure we are on the same page for key issues.



On behalf of the Kentucky Board of Education, I would also like to congratulate Mary Ann Miller, the board's and commissioner's policy advisor, on being recognized as the 2013 Kevin M. Noland Award recipient. During the surprise presentation of the award, the former elementary and special education teacher was lauded for her incredible work ethic and described as the often unsung hero of KDE. Few people understand the role Mary Ann has played behind the scenes for more than 20 years in her service to KDE and the KBE. In her position, she has been instrumental in connecting the dots between offices to ensure federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver requirements are met. She is the conscience of the agency and often is the one that asks the tough questions to make sure we get it right. Congratulations, Mary Ann!

On still another matter, I am taking the opportunity to commend Commissioner Terry Holliday for the openness and transparency displayed during his evaluation process that was conducted as part of the October 7-8 meeting. He submitted a data-driven self-evaluation that indicated whether last year's goals were met. It was thoroughly discussed by board members on the

evening of October 7 followed by an interactive dialogue with the commissioner the next day where the board shared strengths as well as areas for growth. All of this was conducted in open session.

Commissioner Holliday is modeling the kind of evaluation process that he is asking local district superintendents to implement that includes data-driven goals and a transparent discussion of performance. The KBE will follow the open discussion from October with a written document to be approved at the December meeting to serve as the official record of the commissioner's evaluation.

I encourage local district superintendents to pursue a similar process with their boards.

BOARD APPROVES BUDGET PRIORITIES

At its October 8 session, the Kentucky Board of Education approved six items as the top priorities in the Kentucky Department of Education's budget submission. Funding is the number one priority with a request to restore Support Education Excellence in Kentucky funding to 2009 levels of \$3,866 per student, requiring an additional \$60,000,000 in FY15 and \$90,000,000 in FY16 over current funding levels. The other priorities are Flexible Focus Funds, Technology, College- and Career-Readiness, District Turnaround Support and Capital Budget projects for the Kentucky Schools for the Blind and Deaf and FFA Leadership Centers.

The board and Commissioner Terry Holliday emphasized the need for adequate and equitable funding and urged the General Assembly to seek new revenue sources to fund education needs. Additionally, the legislative agenda discussed by the board echoes these same priorities.

The KBE/KDE Biennial Budget Request for FY15/FY16 will be submitted to the Governor's Office of the State Budget Director in November 2013.

For more information on the KBE/KDE budget proposal, contact Hiren Desai at (502) 564-1976 or via e-mail at hiren.desai@education.ky.gov.

704 KAR 3:305 AND 702 KAR 7:125 APPROVED IN OCTOBER

Revisions to 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum requirements for high school graduation were approved at the October meeting. In order to meet the requirements for SB 61 to meet the needs of students on an accelerated path, changes were made to allow them to earn a diploma early and move on into college. Within the regulation, early graduation and Early Graduation Certificate are defined, as well as the criteria students must meet to be eligible for early graduation. Under the regulation, half of the SEEK base funding for a student's senior year would go to the district and half would be available to the student as a college scholarship, providing he or she meets the requirements.

Another regulation, 704 KAR 7:125, Pupil attendance, was approved. The following changes were made to 702 KAR 7:125:

Proposed Changes to Attendance Codes in 702 KAR 7:125:

The current regulation refers to both pupils and students. All references to <i>student</i> will be changed to
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<i>pupil</i> to make it consistent.
Add a Withdrawal code: A pupil with an IEP enrolled in Grade 14 who has previously received a certificate of attainment (<i>Alternative High School Diploma</i>), reenrolled and withdrew prior to the end of the reporting school year.
Add a Withdrawal code: A pupil who has transferred to another Kentucky public school district and for whom a request for student records has been received or enrollment has been substantiated.
Add a Withdrawal code: A pupil who has moved out of state or outside of the United States.
Change the definition detail for R01 (Re-entry) and W01 (Withdrawal) codes: Update to indicate that the current R and W codes may be used for grade level changes in the middle of the school year, change in schedule structure or enrollment service type.
Add new language from SB 24 from the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly to Section 6 that moves the cut-off birthdate for 5-year-olds and 6-year-olds to August 1 in the 2017-18 school year.
Add new language from SB 97 to Section 6 regarding the change in the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 by the 2017-18 school year.
Add new language in Section 7: The Superintendent's Annual Attendance Report for the school year pursuant to KRS 157.360(2) shall be submitted to the department by June 30 of each year.

Proposed Changes to Documents Incorporated by Reference into 702 KAR 7:125, Section 17:

Home Hospital Program Form	Update 2013
Student Dropout Questionnaire	Update 2013
Growth Factor Report	No changes
Superintendent's Annual Attendance Report	No changes
Nonacademic Report	Delete reference to document

Proposed change to delete Section 2 and correct Section 3 of 702 KAR 7:125:

Delete Section 2	This section was time-limited and was used to calculate student attendance for funding purposed through June 30, 2010.
Change Section 3 to Section 2	This section is used to calculate student attendance for funding after June 30, 2010. Remove the reference to June 30, 2010 as it is no longer necessary.

Proposed change based on 2013 legislative changes to KRS 158.070, Section 10:

New Section 11	The Superintendent's Annual Attendance Report (SAAR) shall be considered the request to substitute prior year's average daily attendance for up to ten (10) instructional days for school districts that have missed an average of twenty (20) or more days in the previous three (3) years on days a school district is closed for health or safety reasons. Days granted in this section shall be in addition to any days granted in Section 9.
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Both regulations will now proceed through the public hearing process and legislative committee review process.

For more information on 704 KAR 3:305, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850 or via e-mail at Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov. Contact Hiren Desai for questions about 702 KAR 7:125 at (502) 564-1976 or via e-mail at hiren.desai@education.ky.gov.

PROGRESS REPORT GIVEN ON ADVANCEKENTUCKY

Joanne Lang, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC) Executive Vice President, gave a report to the state board on the 2013 progress of the AdvanceKentucky Program. AdvanceKentucky, a program designed to encourage more students to take Advance Placement classes, again had its participating schools perform well above state and national rates of improvement. According to Lang, "Since 2008, Kentucky has increased by 100%, the number of qualifying scores on AP exams in all subjects statewide compared to 49% for the United States. Kentucky has climbed in the national rankings among minority performances, which were double the rate for math, science and English."

Funding needs to continue this successful program were also communicated as follows:

- Unmet funding needs for expansion in the 2014-16 biennium are \$2 million to expand service to 12 more schools each year.
- An additional \$2.9 million are needed over the biennium for supporting schools that have entered into the Partner Program status to sustain efforts after initial participation.

For more information on AdvanceKentucky, contact Joanne Lang at (859) 233-3502 or via e-mail at jiang@kstc.com.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECLARING OCTOBER 20-26 AS SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

In collaboration with the Kentucky Center for School Safety, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming October 20-26, 2013 as Safe Schools Week that encouraged other organizations to adopt similar resolutions. Dr. Jon Akers, Director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety, was present to accept the resolution once it was approved and signed.

The text of the resolution appears below:

Kentucky Board of Education Resolution Proclaiming Safe Schools Week

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| <i>Whereas,</i> | Schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | Excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | The safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and |
| <i>Whereas,</i> | All leaders--especially those in education, law enforcement, government, and business--should eagerly collaborate with each other to focus public |

attention on school safety and identify, develop, and promote effective prevention-based responses to these critical issues; and

Whereas, Safe and respectful learning environments in schools and school districts throughout the country, along with innovative national programs, are among those effective responses; and

Whereas, The observance of Safe Schools Week encourages students, parents, educators, and the community to “Join the Team” and S.T.O.P. the Bullying, Violence and Risky Behavior in our schools to promote safe and secure learning climates.

NOW, THEREFORE, we proclaim October 20-26, 2013 as Safe Schools Week and encourage all fraternal, legal, government and professional associations, students and educators in America’s schools to formally adopt similar resolutions and proclamations so that we may enthusiastically work together to make our schools safe, secure, and peaceful places for learning, teaching, and working.

For more information on the resolution and school safety resources, contact Dr. Jon Akers at (859) 622-2898 or via e-mail at jon.akers@kcss.org.

MILLER PRESENTED WITH KEVIN M. NOLAND AWARD

As part of the October 8 meeting, Kentucky Board of Education Chair Roger Marcum presented the 2013 Kevin M. Noland Award to the board’s and commissioner’s policy advisor, Mary Ann Miller. This award recognizes a Kentucky Department of Education employee for significant service to Kentucky’s public schools and for providing inspiration for education.

Ms. Miller is a former elementary and special education teacher and during her 26-year career at the department, has served as Program Consultant, Staff Assistant, Principal Assistant, and Policy Advisor to the state board and commissioner. She is the fourth winner of the award.

The award was established by the board to honor Kevin M. Noland, former Interim Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Associate Commissioner and General Counsel, who served the department for 18 years.

For more information on the award, contact Lynn McGowan-McNear at (502) 564-3716 or via e-mail at lynn.mcgowan-mcnear@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 7-8 MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the August 7-8, 2013 Kentucky Board of Education retreat and regular meeting
- Declaration of the Robertson County School District as state-assisted
- Request from Owsley County to waive the list of courses in 704 KAR 3:305, Section 1
- New district facility plan from McLean County
- All submitted district tax rates

- 702 KAR 6:101, Repeal of 702 KAR 6:100, Appeal procedures for nutrition and health services
- Statement of Consideration for 704 KAR 3:035, Annual Professional Development Plan
- Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-service Training of District Board Members
- Revision to the KBE Policy Manual
- Commencement of litigation in a declaratory judgment action against the Breathitt County Board of Education in Franklin Circuit Court regarding the state management of that board and district under KRS 158.780 and 158.785
- Leo Calderon's travel to the GELP meeting in New Delhi, India October 21-25, 2013 (no cost to the state due to Gates Foundation funding)

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Strategic Plan Update
- Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Update
- TELL Kentucky Survey Data Update
- Kentucky Board of Education's Legislative Agenda for the 2014 Legislative Session
- KDE Employment Reports (Both for CTE and all KDE Offices)
- Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Act of 2006
- Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County School District
- 703 KAR 5:080, Administration Code for Kentucky's Assessment Program (First Reading)
- 703 KAR 5:070, Procedures for the Inclusion of Special Populations in the State Required Assessment and Accountability System (First Reading)
- Audit Update and Review of Commissioner's and Board's Expenses
- Hearing Officer's report on status of regulations
- Discussion of the commissioner's evaluation
- Litigation Report

KBE MEETING DATES

KBE Meeting Dates for 2013

December 4, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort
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KBE Meeting Dates for 2014

February 5, 2014	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 9, 2014	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 4, 2014	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2014	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 7, 2014	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 3, 2014	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates for 2015

February 4, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
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April 1, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 3, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2015	KBE Retreat & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 6, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 9, 2015	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on meeting dates, contact Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141, Ext. 4805 or via e-mail at susan.palmer@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the October 7-8, 2013, retreat and regular meeting, conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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